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Mr. Vice President, Walter Mondale
Old Executive Office Building
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Dear Mr. Vice President:

I want to ask for your help in obtaining the release
from prison of the Argentinian pianist, Miguel Angel Estrella.

Miguel Angel Estrella, an internationally known pianist,
was arrested December 19, 1977 in Montevideo, Uruguay where he
was living with his 2 children and has remained in prison since
then. In spite of the many prestigious people who have signed
petitions on his behalf (up to this day more than 11,000 signa-
tures, including those of 4 Nobel Laureates have been sent to
the President of Uruguay) it has been impossible to obtain from
the Uruguayan government any assurance regarding his fate or any
guarantee that he will be tried fairly and publicly.

Miguel Angel Estrella is a dramatic case of a prisoner of
conscience whose fate is avidly followed by his friends and
admirers all over the world.

I plead that you use your charity and influence to procure
his release. I am available anytime to provide you with any
additional information which you may consider to be necessary
for his release.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President for your attention to this
very urgent request.

Sincerely yours,

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